



Compassion

Trust

Wisdom

Fellowship

Friendship

Peace

This week in Year 4

Monday 12th January 2026

English:

This week we will continue with our new unit, 'Myths and Legends' with a focus on legends of the sea. In this unit your child will listen to mythical stories of selkies and mermaids. They will be reading the story of 'The Selkie' and building up to retelling the story in their own words. They will be using powerful language, expanded noun phrases and starting their sentences in different and interesting ways.

Spellings:

The focus this week is using a variety of strategies to learn some of the Y3 and Y4 statutory words. The children will bring home their spellings in their new spelling book on **Wednesday 14th January** for their test on **Monday 19th January**. The children need to bring their spelling book in to school every **Monday** for new spellings to be stuck in but also so we can now record for you which spellings they got correct or incorrect.

Maths:

This week we will continue with our, 'Multiplication and Division' unit. The children will continue with the 11- and 12-times table facts and then explore the effect of multiplying by 1. They will notice that when they multiply a number by 1, the result will always be the number itself. We also focus on multiplying by zero. Children learn that when multiplying any number by zero the result is always zero.

Times tables and reading:

The children will be learning their **7** times table this week for the test on **Tuesday 20th January**.

The children need to be accessing Times Table Rock Stars at least 3x a week. I will be checking to see how well they are doing.

Please ensure your child is reading every night to an adult and they are being questioned about the text they have read. Children are free to change their books regularly if it has been written in their reading record book.

Other Matters:

- The children will have their PE lesson on Tuesdays and Fridays, they will need to remember to bring their named PE kit in on those days.
- The children may want to access [Multiplication Tables Check - Mathsframe](#) to also support with times tables. This activity exactly mirrors the 'Multiplication Tables Check' that will be given to children in June.
- Please can all children have a glue stick and a whiteboard pen in their pencil case – thank you.
- My email address is A.brech@tssfirst.co.uk should you need to contact me.